

## UNION LEAGUE MAY PLACE TEAM HERE

Promoter Al. Lawson Is Considering This City for His New Circuit.

### ATKINS IS LOCAL PROMOTER

Richmond is to have a baseball team in the projected Union League of professional baseball clubs. If the plans of the projectors of that organization and of well-known local baseball promoters do not miscarry, Mr. Al. Lawson, of Reading, Pa., who is organizing the new "outlaw" league, is favorably impressed with Richmond as a baseball city of large caliber, and it is regarded as highly probable that he will add Richmond to the list of cities composing the new league circuit and put a club here.

"Tommy" Atkins, a well-known local sporting writer and promoter of baseball, has just received a letter from Mr. Lawson, indicating that he thinks highly of Richmond and will shortly visit this city and go over the ground himself with a view to determining the matter of locating a club here. Mr. Atkins, it is understood, is backed by well-known local baseball followers with capital and states that an admirable site for a park is under option, and that the deal therefor will be closed just as soon as Mr. Lawson visits the city and closes the matter finally.

The site of the proposed Union League Park is just east of the Horse Show Building, and accessible by the cars of the Main Street and Main and Broad Streets lines. The ground is admirably adapted for the purpose, and it is estimated that it can be equipped as a baseball park at a cost of \$5,000 to \$6,000. This amount, it is understood, is already subscribed, and arrangements have been made to close the deal and then to fence the park just as soon as the league circuit is definitely made up.

### Expect to Enlist Stars.

The promoters of the new "outlaw" organization are confident that many major league players will be attracted to the new organization, and that the cream of the minor leagues of various classes will be enlisted among its players. Of course, with a club of such caliber in this city, it would mean war between the Virginia State League, in which the Richmond club is a strong, not to say independent factor, and the new Union League organization. Mr. Lawson appears to be confident that his organization would be the better drawing card. The city would hardly support both leagues, and the situation would mean war between the rival teams, with the strongest surviving.

The cities already enlisted in the prospective organization are Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Reading, Newark and probably Wilmington, Del. Richmond would make the eighth club. In several of the cities named above, the promoters are reported to be already at work enlisting players and looking about for quarters. The idea of the organization is a revolt against organized baseball, all of which are to get by the National Baseball Commission. In many quarters there is skepticism as to the success of the Lawson project, but Mr. Lawson is going ahead with the work of making up his circuit.

Mr. Lawson's Letter.

The letter of Mr. Lawson to Mr. Atkins, the local promoter of the project, is as follows:

"Dear Sir:—Replying to yours of the 21st instant, will say that, as president, I have been instructed to look into the various applications for franchises in the Union League and make recommendations as to the same. I have at a meeting to be held in a short time to complete the circuit.

"Now then, personally, I believe that with the proper people back of a club in Richmond it would be a good thing for our circuit, and there is no question in my mind as to which would get the patronage in Richmond.

"I would advise you to get a thirty or sixty days lease on a park for a term of years, upon a park, with the understanding that it will be null and void in the event Richmond is not granted a franchise in this league.

"I will say right here that Richmond looks good to me, if you have the right sort of people with you. Yours truly,

"A. W. LAWSON, President."

A meeting of the projectors of the new Union League is to be had in Philadelphia in a week or two, at which the organization is expected to be completed. Mr. Atkins will attend the meeting, as will those in the other cities of the proposed circuit. Final decision of the question is impossible until after that meeting.

Mr. Lawson, it is understood, will visit Richmond next week and look over the situation for himself, meet local baseball men and get the benefit of their judgment and decide the matter for himself. There are many who express the belief that Richmond would support a club in a Class A organization or a strong outlaw team, but they generally assume that there will be no opposition in this city.

### Old Dominion League.

Speaking of the Old Dominion League, Mr. Atkins, who has been working up this four-city organization, said yesterday:

"The Old Dominion League, which is to be composed of the towns of Petersburg, Newport News, Phoebus and Suffolk, has been organized. The people in these cities are very enthusiastic about the national game. All of the stock has been subscribed, and at this time everything points to a successful season in 1908. Phoebus and Suffolk never had professional ball before, and it is only natural that these places should be enthusiastic over the introduction of league baseball there. A meeting of the owners of the Old Dominion League is scheduled for January 9th at the Lexington Hotel, Newport News. At this meeting officers will be elected and other business transacted."

### FOLLOW AMERICAN PARK

London Hunt in Delightful Chase

LESSBURG, Va., December 27.—The London Hunt Club met with their American friends in the field to-day on Morven Park, the estate of Westmoreland and Davis, master. The field were splendid mounts, followed close on the rounds over the estate, which was a most excellent jump. The chase was first made on Morven, and the chase for two foxes, both of which were killed over Morven and surrounding farms. Before the hunt the riders were en-

tertained by Mr. and Mrs. Davis. In the field were Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Chichester, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Hedin, Miss Alexander, Miss Swart, Miss Miskell and others.

### TO REINSTATE LONGBOAT.

Indian Runner Will Represent Canada in Olympic Games.

NEW YORK, December 27.—American athletes are discussing the peculiar position in which they are likely to be placed by the expected action of the Canadian Athletic Association.

It is said on good authority that the Canadian association will reinstate Longboat, the Indian runner, who was suspended by both the Canadian association and the Amateur Athletic Union on charges of professionalism. The reason given for this action is that the Canadians desire to enter a team at the Olympic games in London next summer.

Longboat would doubtless prove a winning card at the meet in London. It is not likely, however, that the Amateur Athletic Union will remove the sanction against the Canadian, in which case no American athlete could enter the race against him in London.

### GOTCH TO MEET "HACK."

American Wrestling Champion Matched With Russian.

Frank Gotch, the American champion wrestler, and George Hackenschmidt, the "Russian Lion," will meet on the mat in Kansas City or Chicago May 6th. Gotch has posted a forfeit of \$1,000 for appearance and "Hack" is expected to make his forfeit before the last of the week.

"Hack" has agreed to come to this country and give four exhibitions here for the main go with America's champion. With this consideration, Wittig has put a purse of \$10,000, while the match will be catch-as-catch-can style, the best two out of three falls, to a finish. The referee is to be decided upon later.

### AL. ORTH EXPECTS GOOD YEAR IN BOX

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, Va., December 27.—If Frank Farrell, owner of the New York American League team, has his way this winter, Al Orth, the well-known member of the New York pitching staff, will spend several weeks getting into shape at Hot Springs, Ark., before the practice season opens at Atlanta, Ga., early during the month of March. Mr. Farrell has written Orth suggesting the trip to Hot Springs, telling the big twirler that he is expecting him to pitch the game of his life during the impending season.

Orth has not decided to take the Hot Springs baths. It is more than probable that he will do so. It will be recalled that last season was the only "bad" season Orth has had since he went into the major ranks from the local team in 1899, a showing due largely to overwork. Up to the time Orth was put in the box frequently enough for two pitchers, his record was excellent by none in either of the big leagues, but when the major portion of the pitching staff went to the bad Orth was called upon to work too often, and it was not long before more defeats were to his credit than victories, and his record stood badly at the close of the season.

With not more than two games a week Orth's condition early in the summer was such that he should have been as well at the top in the pitching records as he was in the batters, where he stood number three.

Orth has recovered from the strain he went through last summer, and he hopes to get back in the same next spring in as good condition as he ever enjoyed. If he does he can be watched for a position well to the front of American League pitchers.

### FOUR FAVORITES FINISH IN FRONT

NEW ORLEANS, La., December 27.—Favorites were again in evidence at City Park to-day, four finishing in front.

First race—Five furlongs—Rural Boy (15 to 1) first, Bick (8 to 1) second, Bitter Man (6 to 1) third, Time, 1:02.

Second race—Six furlongs—selling—Covey (12 to 1) first, Bick (8 to 1) second, Robinhood (1 to 5) third, Time, 1:14 1/5.

Third race—Seven furlongs—Lena (1 to 3) first, Gild (2 to 1) second, Coldness (11 to 5) third, Time, 1:23 1/5.

Fourth race—One mile—Hyperion II (9 to 2) first, Dainty Belle (9 to 2) second, Oly II (30 to 1) third, Time, 1:45 1/5.

Fifth race—One mile, selling—St. Harlo (6 to 5) first, Moscow Belle (6 to 1) second, Buckle Brigade (3 to 1) third, Time, 1:43 1/5.

Sixth race—One mile and a sixteenth—selling—Alvin Vincent (7 to 2) first, Clara Howard (12 to 1) second, Paul MacFarlan (29 to 1) third, Time, 1:50 1/5.

### To Select Olympic Crews.

NEW YORK, December 27.—Amateur oarsmen are busy figuring on the make-up of the crews for the recent James Pilkington, of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, will select the entire rights of the United States of America to be part of the Olympic games at London next summer.

Amateur oarsmen are candidates already for places on the crews, and it is said in rowing circles that the Philadelphia oarsmen are sure to capture several places.

### AMUSEMENTS

Academy—Dark.

Bliss—"The Hired Girl's Millions."

Edgewood—Skating Rink and Summer Amusements.

The long run of "The Prince Chap" in New York and London stirred managers about to designate for the rights of production in the majority of the chief cities of Europe. The French and German rights have already been disposed of and translations of the piece are now in progress. It will be seen very shortly in Paris, Berlin and Vienna. Samuel Langhorne Clemens, the New York manager, is interested in the foreign rights, besides controlling the entire rights of the United States and Canada. "The Prince Chap," with Cyril Scott and the New York production, will be seen at the Academy of Music next Tuesday and Wednesday. The book is by Edward Peple, a well-known Richmond man.

### December 28th in the Annals of Sport

1868—At New York—Melvin Foster defeated Joseph Dion in three-ball billiard match for \$2,000.

1870—At Boston—James Owen defeated J. H. McLaughlin in wrestling match for \$1,000 and championship.

1878—At New York—End of 142-hour go-as-you-please pedestrian contest, Dan O'Leary first, P. N. Campana, second.

1882—At New York—Gib Bennett for Joe Corbett, old-time puglist.

1885—At Portland, Me.—S. D. New, amateur, made a record by skating 100 yards straightaway in 8 seconds.

1903—At St. Joseph, Mo.—Battling Nelson defeated Clarence English in 15 rounds.

1906—Sixty-eight American universities and colleges agreed to stand together in reform football.

## SECOND AUDITOR ISSUES REPORT

Gives Complete Statement of Debt and Work of Sinking Fund Commissioners.

Though annual reports of State officers are still coming in thick and fast, a large majority of them have now been submitted to the Governor and sent to the press of the contracting printer.

The report of the Second Auditor, which has been printed, contains much interesting data, pertaining mainly to the State debt. Following is a concise statement of the entire debt upon which interest is being paid, October 1, 1907:

Principal.	Interest.
\$1,886,955.15 Century bonds, bearing 3 per cent. ....	\$505,981.65
5,927,454.18 Riddleberger bonds, bearing 3 per cent. ....	177,825.62
2,383,655.85 Schools and colleges, bearing 6 per cent. ....	143,019.35
\$2,800.00 Schools and colleges, bearing 4 per cent. ....	3,312.00
<b>\$25,259,965.18</b>	<b>\$830,138.62</b>

In addition to the above annual interest on the outstanding bonds, as there listed, the Sinking Fund still draws interest on \$27,500 of Century bonds and on \$5,500 of Riddleberger, which it purchased and which have been canceled to prevent their reissue.

### School and College Bond Debt.

Under act February 28, 1877, \$ 516,463.00

Under act February 23, 1892, 1,943,387.85

Under act January 15, 1894, 6,500.00

**\$2,466,455.85**

### The Sinking Fund.

The following is taken from the report of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, which is appended to that of the Second Auditor:

#### Receipts and Disbursements of the Sinking Fund for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 1907.

1907.

January 2.—Received from the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company the dividend of 4 1/2 per cent. on 2,752 shares of common stock and 1,327 shares of dividend obligations of said company for the year ending December 31, 1906, \$ 21,065.50

July 1.—Ditto, for the half year ending June 30, 1907, being dividend of 4 1/2 per cent. on 2,752 shares of common stock and 1,327 shares of dividend obligations of said company, \$ 26,316.00

January 3.—Received of John G. Dew, Second Auditor, on account of interest due January 1, 1907, on \$104,600 bonds, act February 29, 1892, and on \$38,400 bonds, act February 14, 1892, \$ 2,145.00

July 1.—Ditto, due July 1, 1907, \$ 2,145.00

August 6.—Received of Marye, Auditor of Public Accounts, his warrant in favor of John G. Dew, Second Auditor, and president of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, for \$4,600, with which to purchase State bonds under special appropriation of February 7, 1906, \$ 74,000.00

Balance on hand, \$ 1,336.36

**\$126,996.86**

#### Disbursements—Amounts Paid for the Purchase of Bonds During the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 1907.

1907.

17,500 Century bonds, at a cost of \$111,884.92

17,500 Riddleberger bonds, at a cost of \$14,856.00

**\$126,740.92**

Cost of advertising for the above bonds, \$ 60.55

Cost—balance of advertising for bonds bought on August 16, 1906, \$ 9.84

September 19.—Amount paid for \$25 of R. F. and P. R. R. dividend obligation scrip for consolidation with the \$15 place held by the Sinking Fund, making its holdings of that class of securities amount to 3,097 \$ 50.00

Balance in Treasury to the credit of the Sinking Fund, October 1, 1907, \$ 185.55

**\$126,906.86**

#### Paying Out Interest.

Checks amounting to \$59,231.83 are being made out in the Second Auditor's office for semi-annual interest on registered Virginia securities, and they will be put in the mail on the evening of December 31st, so as to reach the holders on January 1st. About two-thirds of this amount will go to Virginia holders, and much of it to Richmond city people.

An amount sufficient to run the total up to about \$426,000 will be paid out during the next year in interest on bonds and under decrees of courts. In addition to all this, the Second Auditor has to pay the division school superintendents throughout the State. The gross sum shown to be in the Treasury at the end of the year is subject to these heavy drafts, and therefore is not all available for legislative appropriations.

In round numbers, the Second Auditor draws on the Treasury for all purposes about the end of the year for nearly a half million dollars, which leaves a considerable hole in the pile.

#### Officials Returning.

Colonel Joseph Button, State Insurance Commissioner, returned to the city yesterday from his home in Apomattox, where he spent Christmas Day on his farm. Colonel Button had been in Louisville, Ky., for several days prior to Christmas, attending a meeting of the special committee on the insurance law, which by the recent Insurance Commissioners' Convention held here. He says he enjoyed his trip to the Kentucky metropolis, though

#### New Institution to Be Known by Name of Science Leader.

BOSTON, Mass., December 27.—Details of the plans of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, head of the Christian Science Church, in relation to the charitable institution which she is to found, are contained in an editorial by Archibald McLellan in the current issue of the Christian Science Sentinel. The editorial says in part:

"Mrs. Eddy has consented that the institution which she proposes to found will bear her name; therefore it will be known as 'Mary Baker G. Eddy's Charity.' The board of directors will be located in Boston, the recognized headquarters of her church, and in plan and scope this fund will be an educational opportunity to the young of the world. It is taught gratuitously the science of the Christ healing, as practiced by Jesus and as made known through the writings of Mrs. Eddy.

"The sum of \$1,000,000 will be devoted to this sole purpose."

# Three Ships Sailed Out

of Blackwall, England, three hundred years ago. They were not large ships, but they were freighted with men whose ideas were to "call the world to attention." It was the awakening time of English life and thought. Virginia was a wilderness waiting for the mighty drama that was to be unfolded in the coming years. The acts of that drama are told in

# Colonial Virginia,

A book of 388 pages, beautifully bound and illustrated. It would be a most charming New Year's gift.

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## The Times-Dispatch,

Richmond, Va.

he was busy with his committee during most of the time he was there.

Mr. John W. Williams, clerk of the House of Delegates and keeper of the rolls, will arrive in the city on Monday to make final arrangements for the meeting of the Legislature. Meanwhile, the committee rooms and the two chambers are being renovated and put in order by the janitors under direction of Colonel John W. Richardson, Register of the Land Office, and Mr. Thomas H. Elger, assistant clerk of the House.

The report of the United States Commissioner of Immigration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907, has been issued, and it gives Commissioner Williams a total of over 2,000 for the year. This shows the good results of Mr. Kolmer's trip abroad, which he devoted largely to advertising the advantages of Virginia.

#### New Southern History.

The State Corporation Commission has issued a charter to the Southern Historical Publication Society, to be located in this city. The officers are L. H. Jenkins, president; L. Howard Jenkins, secretary; C. T. Rowland, treasurer. This society will be the publishers and owners of an important work on Southern history, consisting of twelve volumes. The work will be written by foremost scholars from the whole Southern country, and will entail the cost of upwards of \$25,000 before a book is manufactured. The society has ample facilities for selling this work throughout the country, and it will mean a great advertisement for Richmond.

#### Judge Dew Sick.

Second Auditor John G. Dew has been confined to his home for several days by sickness. Judge Dew is suffering from an attack of tonsillitis.

The State Board of Agriculture has changed the date of its meeting from January 14th to January 7th. This is the day prior to that on which the Legislature will assemble.

#### The State Supreme Court will reconvene here after its holiday recess on the same day.

#### Ordinance Committee to Vote on Milk Score Question on January 10th.

Chairman Danby, of the Council Committee on Ordinance, Charter and Reform, issued a call yesterday for a meeting on January 10th, at which time Chief Health Officer Levy and members of the Board of Health will be heard on the question of publication of milk scores. The ordinance, coming before the Board, is now before the committee. At the last meeting of the committee members were prepared to reject the ordinance, but deferred action out of courtesy to the health authorities.

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## MURDERED WOMAN IS STILL UNKNOWN

Newark Police Believe She Was Killed There and Dragged Away.

NEW YORK, December 27.—While the mystery surrounding the circumstances of the murder of the unknown young woman whose body was found nearly submerged in a pond on the outskirts of Harrison, N. J., appears to be a minimum case, it is highly probable that the body was discovered, the theory which the detectives are now working on is that the woman came to her death in Newark, and that her body was carried to the lonely pond, so that the real scene of the crime and the identity of the slayer might be concealed.

The Newark police are to-night searching for the slayer, who is believed to have met the young woman by appointment in Newark and then lured her to her death. The slayer was had to-day that the woman was seen in Newark on Christmas Eve by William Snyder, a carpenter, who stated, after seeing the body, that the young woman had spoken to him in Newark on the night before Christmas, and asked to be directed to a restaurant. He said the woman told him that she was a stranger.

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## Heard and Seen in Public Places

Prof. Joseph H. Saunders, principal of one of the Norfolk city schools, and president of the State Teachers' Association, is at Murphy's. Prof. Saunders is chairman of a special committee named by his association to formulate a list of the needs of the members of the committee are Prof. P. R. Fitzpatrick, of Pulaski, and Messrs. A. B. Chandler and J. H. Blandford, of Richmond, and a meeting will be held at Murphy's to-day. The teachers will ask for an additional appropriation of \$150,000 a year for the ordinary and high schools together \$10,000 of this sum being for the latter. They will also recommend the adoption of a minimum salary law for teachers, which will provide that none shall be paid less than \$25 per month.

There is a widespread sentiment throughout the State in favor of better pay for teachers. The same sentiment is being expressed in the same grade in other counties. Under present conditions some counties pay teachers as little as \$11, while others pay as much as \$45. The minimum salary law, which is being introduced by the Legislature, will not attempt to absolutely fix all the salaries, but the adoption of a minimum clause is highly probable. The minimum clause will not attempt to absolutely fix all the salaries, but the adoption of a minimum clause is highly probable. The minimum clause will not attempt to absolutely fix all the salaries, but the adoption of a minimum clause is highly probable.

Hon. George W. Morris, judge of the Corporation Court of the city of Charlottesville, is in Richmond on business, and is stopping at the Jefferson.

Mr. Thomas A. Lynch, of Tazewell, accompanied by Mrs